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TO THE

Patrons of the Kentucky Gazette.

Fellow Citizens:

IT is with peculiar pleasure I now present to you the first number of the KENTUCKY GAZETTE on the plan lately proposed. As the circumstances which at first gave birth to this Paper, are unknown to the greater part of its present Patrons; it may not be disagreeable to any of them, to take a retrospective view of its origin and progress, as well as the motives that first induced me to undertake the business of a Printer.

In the year 1786, whilst a Convention of the Citizens of Kentucky by their Delegates, were deliberating on the propriety of separating from the State of Virginia, the want of a proper channel through which to communicate to the people at large, political sentiments on a subject so extremely interesting to them, and in which unanimity was so very necessary; induced them to appoint a committee of their own body, to encourage a Printer to settle in the District. The critical situation in which the District of Kentucky was at that time placed, by being surrounded on every side by a cruel and savage foe, and which almost put an entire stop to emigration, consequently to the influx of a sufficient circulating medium; occasioned a belief, that no encouragement could be given by the committee that would procure a Printer to remove to Kentucky: this belief was much strengthened by an unsuccessful attempt which had been made by fathful gentlemen, to procure a Mr. Miles Hunter (a Printer) to settle in this country, who refused, unless he could have secured to him certain stipulated emoluments, to continue for a given time, which they would not venture to promise.

Having duly weighed all the circumstances, and from a confidence in my own mechanical talents (notwithstanding I had not the least knowledge of the printing business) together with a belief that I could execute the business on a small scale, until I should be able to instruct my sons (of which I had five) added to the prospect of future advantages to them and myself; I was prompted to make a tender of my services to the committee.—They accepted them and made report thereof to the Convention, who concurred with their committee, and as the highest mark of approbation, gave me their unanimous promise of patronage.

Satisfied of having obtained every encouragement that I had a right to expect, or that they as a body had power to grant, and in which I had the fullest confidence, employed every possible means in my power to perform the engagements made on my part; and on the 1st day of August, 1787, presented to the world, the first number of the KENTUCKY GAZETTE. It is impossible to express the grateful sensations I experienced at the approbation with which it was received by its patrons; notwithstanding its almost innumerable imperfections—what a striking difference between that paper, and the one now before you!

From the great scarcity of money, and low state of population at that time, I was enabled to procure about 180 subscribers only; notwithstanding which, and the high prices of every article used in the prosecution of the business, I was determined to persevere, if possible. And although the whole of my income was not sufficient to procure the imported articles necessarily employed; yet from the friendly assistance which I received from the Merchants of Lexington, I was enabled to continue the paper on that small scale, until the 17th of September, 1791.

Two important events which took place about that time, gave birth to that of a remarkable change in the KENTUCKY GAZETTE: One of which was, permission from Congress to the citizens of Kentucky to carry volunteer expeditions against the Indians at

the expence of the Union, which before had been forbidden at any rate. The other, a separation of the District of Kentucky from the State of Virginia, its admission into the Federal Union, and the electing of a Convention to frame a Constitution. These expeditions occasioned an influx of money into the District; and the admission of Kentucky into the Federal Union as an independent State, together with the framing a Constitution for its Government, presented a new field for political disquisitions, in which every citizen was deeply interested, and for which purpose the Paper was enlarged from a half sheet to a sheet. What effect the free circulation of thoughts and opinions in this Paper had, in producing those events, I shall not pretend to determine: The events were produced, the Paper enlarged, and within a few weeks after, the number of subscribers to be doubled.—For whilst one of those events put into the hands of the citizens the means of procuring; the other created the necessity of acquiring political information. No person, except he has been in a similar situation, can conceive the heartfelt satisfaction which I at that time experienced, from so pleasing a prospect, as that of having it shortly in my power, to discharge those debts necessarily contracted for the support of the Paper, and which had been increasing from its commencement; nor was I deceived in my expectations, for the liberal encouragement then given it enabled me in the course of two years, not only to defray the expence thereof, but also to discharge those debts contracted for its support in the four preceding ones, and prevented me from abandoning it as a ruinous project, which at that time had furious thoughts of doing. If a knowledge of past events is a good criterion by which we can judge of future, there can be no doubt of the success that will attend the alteration made in this paper; for the critical situation in which the United States are at this time placed, in consequence of their treaties with France and England, and the late conduct of those two nations towards them; must be interesting, and awaken an anxiety of the first magnitude in the minds of every description of citizens, to relieve which demands more room than my former plan afforded; especially when we consider that our interests are so interwoven with the policy of the European world as to make it necessary to pay particular attention to their transactions, as well as the conduct of the American Government.

More than nine years experience, has convinced me that Impartiality forms one of the most valuable traits in the character of a News Paper Printer; and notwithstanding it has sometimes operated as a partial disadvantage; duty and interest have continually prompted me unalterably to pursue it.—The diffusion of political subjects is an advantage of importance to society (especially when the object is the public good) and ought to be encouraged; but when the object is party ill will or personal resentment, it ought to be rejected.

I feel it my indispensible duty to return my sincere thanks to all who have encouraged this Paper; and more especially those who were its first Patrons, few of whom have failed to continue its constant supporters. To you it is the public are indebted, not only for the birth and existence of the first News Paper ever published in Kentucky; but for all the advantages the Community have derived from a free circulation of political opinions, at times when they were deemed most proper, for the interest and happiness of this part of the Western World. Under the auspices of your patronage, you have seen the progress of the KENTUCKY GAZETTE until it has obtained a rank of equality with most Papers published in the United States, and perhaps superior to almost any in the world, whose origin and progress have been marked with equal disadvantages. And as I ever have, shall still continue, to make use of my best abilities to contribute to its usefulness, which

can only succeed under your approbation; to gain which, shall be the constant study of

The public's most obedient, Humble servant J. BRADFORD.

Lexington, Jan. 4, 1797.

ACCOUNT

of an Electrical Eel, or the Torpedo of Surinam. By William Bryant, Esq.

SURINAM, a colony of South America, belonging to the states of Holland, abounds with as many natural curiosities as any country in the world. But that which I look upon to be surprising as any in it, and which I believe has not as yet been accurately described, is a fish of the species of Eel, and is caught there in nets among other fish; generally in muddy rivers, and I believe is found in most of the neighboring provinces. In size and color it is not unlike the common Eel of Europe or America, and in shape resembles it more, except that it is thicker in proportion to its length, and the head is more flat and not so pointed; but differs from them in this respect, that it comes to the surface to breathe in the air. It is called by the Dutch, Beave Aal, and by the English inhabitants, the Numbing Eel. As to the other qualities, of which I mean chiefly to take notice, and which I think are as different from the Torpedo of Europe, as the fish is in shape, they are as follows.

On touching the fish as it lies in the water, in a tub provided for it, a sudden and violent shock is received, in all respects like that which is felt on touching the prime conductor, when charged with the electrical fluid from the globe; and like that, chiefly affects the ends of the fingers and elbows. Gently holding the tail of the fish in one hand, and touching the head with the other, a very violent shock is felt in both elbows, and thro' the breast and shoulders. I at first imagined that the violence of the shock proceeded from both arms receiving it at the same time, and that the pain was no more than that of the two strokes added together; but I found myself mistaken. For upon seven persons joining hands, and the first taking hold of the tail, (which may with more ease be held than the head) and the seventh at the same time touching the head, we were all affected in both elbows, and that in the same manner as I remember to have been in the electrical experiment, when several persons take hold of the wire, and the equilibrium is restored by the fluids passing through their bodies.

I find the shock may be received through metallic substances. On touching the fish with an old sword blade, I was strongly affected. But arming it with sealing-wax, and taking hold of that part which was covered with it, the electrical fluid (I cannot help calling it so) would not pass; neither has it any effect on the body when touched with glass bottle, sealing-wax, &c. Yet I cannot observe the least diminution of this quality by placing the fish, which contains the fish, on glass bottles; it continues the same in all respects. So that whether it has an unaccountable faculty of collecting a quantity of the fluid from the surrounding waters, or through the body of the person touching it, or has in its body a large fund which it can discharge at pleasure, I am greatly at a loss to think or imagine.

Although it has no effect on the human body when touched with a piece of wood; or indeed any other substance not metal; yet an accident discovered to me, that on some occasions the effect would be sensible through wood. For one morning while I was standing by, as a servant was emptying the tub, which he had lifted entirely from the ground, and was pouring off the water to renew it, and the fish left almost dry, the negro received so violent a shock as occasioned him to let the tub fall; and calling another to his assistance, caused them both to lift the tub free from the ground, when pouring off the remains of the water, they both received smart shocks, and were oblig-

ed to desist from emptying the tub in that manner. This I afterwards tried myself and received the like shock. This fish indeed was one of the largest I have seen, and but newly caught. For I observe, after some time confined in a tub, and wanting perhaps their natural food, they lose much of the strength of this extraordinary quality. I am sometimes apt to conjecture, that this animal has the power of communicating the stroke when, and with what degree of force it will; and that it serves him as a weapon of defence against his enemies. For I have often observed that on first taking hold of it, the shock is tolerable, but as soon as he perceives me the least confined, it is much more violent. This I experienced to my cost, I one day took hold of it about the middle of the fish, and lifted it partly out of the water, when on a sudden I received so smart a shock that it occasioned a strong contraction in the bending muscles of my finger s, and I could not immediately let it go; but endeavoring to disengage my hand, threw it on the ground; taking hold of it a second time, to return it in the tub, I was more strongly affected than at first, and that not only in my hands and arms, but throughout my whole body; the forepart of my head, and the back parts of my legs suffered principally; and in the same manner as on receiving a very smart shock from a highly charged phial in electrical experiments.

On observing that the sensation occasioned by the shock as to the nature and degree of strength, upon touching different parts of the fish, was different, I was at first inclined to think it might be owing to its having an extraordinary faculty of containing more of the fluid in one part of its body than in another. The tall part to above one third of its length, occasions rather a numbness and tingling, than pain, but on applying the end of the fingers to the back, head, and under part of its body, it causes a sharp prickling pain. This may, possibly be accounted for by the difference in the texture of the surface of the skin, as the manner of the electrical fluid's coming from a glass tube is different when its surface is altered by being rubbed with different substances, as has been lately taken, notice of in a letter to the royal society.

These are the principal observations, the short time I resided at Surinam, allowed me an opportunity of making relating to this extraordinary animal.

CAUTION against COLDS.

At this season, those who regard their health should be properly prepared to meet the vicissitudes of climate—and keep a constant guard against colds, which are the sources of the most dangerous and violent disorders. These generally proceed from some external check of the natural perspiration whereby the pores of the skin are suddenly closed, and a considerable portion of an excretory fluid, whose separation from the blood, health absolutely requires, thus checked in its egress, is suddenly thrown back into the circulation, and causes inflammatory complaints of the bowels—and purulent fevers, and other painful and dangerous disorders.

All sudden transitions from heat to cold are therefore to be cautiously avoided. All unnecessary exposure to wet weather—and, most particularly, wet in the feet should be shunned;—the perspiration there, with those who walk much, has a very considerable discharge, in the coldest weather, as being powerfully checked on all other surfaces of the body. The sudorific excretion there is, in many constitutions, considerably acid and fetid, which will more strongly prove the necessity of its separation from the blood. Wet in the feet, while walking, meets perspiration, in the most dangerous passage, and has often been productive of disorders too rapid for medical skill. Men, therefore, who walk or ride, should be provided with both shoes and boots, water-proof, and wear woolen socks inside their stockings, should they be of any other material.

PARIS, Sept. 18.

Gen. Jourdan has resigned, owing to the ill state of his health. Kleber or Bourrionville will succeed him. The public opinion is still in his favor, notwithstanding his disasters. People know that he objected to Carnot's orders to carry the war into the heart of Germany, leaving the strong garrisons of Mainz, Philipburg, Mayence and Ehrenbreitstein, behind him. He said it was contrary to every principle of tactics, but his orders were positive; and the consequences justify his precaution. Moreau, is rapidly remedying the shortsightedness of Carnot.

From Mably, upon the Study of History.

Search history throughout, and try to find a nation, which by enriching itself a Carthage, acquired as Sparta and Rome, in their poverty, the virtues and the talents, which are the security of a republic. Name one state, one kingdom, in which riches have not produced tyranny and slavery. In which there have not been divisions, infidelity, violence and crimes, against laws both natural and political? Into what country have they not tempted a foreign invader? Tell me why Lacedemon, enriched by the councils of Lyfander, could not preserve the empire it had gained in its poverty? Why did the Roman empire decline, when enriched by the spoils of conquered countries?

Our financing politics will be good, when they allure us in what places we may purchase, with all the gold we command that public spirit which is the first bond of citizens; that temperance, which disposes them to discharge all their duties; that courage and prudence, which are necessary to defend their country; the talents, in a word, and above all, the justice which ought to be the soul of all their thoughts, and end of all their enterprises.—If society purchases this day, at a moderate price, actions which are necessary—on the next, it will move men only by conferring the greatest rewards, and soon among all the riches of the universe, it will be too poor to satisfy an avarice, which has been instructed to admit no bounds. Riches are a spring which cannot last long! The kings of Persia and the emperors of Rome, were rich, but how long did their riches serve them? Excuse me for saying so much, but I write in an age in which men are venal; I oppose prejudices, that is almost impossible to destroy; and the writers who praise money, luxury and our passions, have said more than I have said. Let me only say, if Persia ought to have been subdued by the Macedonians; if Carthage ought to have been conquered by the Romans.—Providence never intended that riches should be the means in the hands of policy, to make society flourish.

The following article, dated Faro August 12, was received by the last Liverpool mail.

"An Algerine Corsair, full of men, was lately sunk, off cape St. Vincent's by two Portuguese men of war, after a most desperate and bloody conflict of nine glances, wherein val numbers were killed on both sides. The Rover maintained the action with such firmness & undaunted resolution, that at one time it was doubtful whether she would not have beat them both off, notwithstanding the superior odds against her. The Portuguese behaved manfully, and offered to give quarters provided they would strike, which generous and humane offer the pirates refused, and so revengeful were the infidels to the last, that they fired grape and cartridge shot from the decks, and small arms from the top, into the men of war, as they were sinking, which did great mischief among the people. Both the ships were severely shattered—one had several shots between wind and water, which made her very leaky, and her sails and rigging almost cut to pieces, the other had her foremast and bowsprit carried away, with part of her starboard bow, and a large shot went fifteen inches into the main mast. It is thought the pirates had expended all their cannon balls, as, in the latter part of the engagement they fired from the great guns, marlins spikes, ring bolts, rusty nails, bits of iron and lead cast in square pieces.

"What is astonishing, the capt. was seen nailing the colors to the mast as the ship was sinking; when done, he

pushed a pistol from his breast and shot himself through the head.—He was a bold, daring fellow, and would often attack ships of his own force, sometimes made prizes of them, and always fought under the bloody flag.

RICHMOND, October 29.
GOURNCEPFT COINS.

A man who says his name is Thomas Eggin, and that he is from North Carolina, was apprehended, and committed to the jail of Prince Edward county, on Saturday, the 15th instant, for passing counterfeit French Crowns, Spanish milled Dollars, and an English Guinea. On searching him, there were found several false dollars in his shoes, and between two and three hundred counterfeit Crowns and Dollars in his saddle bags. These coins are to well executed that it is difficult to detect them by any other mark than the profile on the dollars, which is the most defective part, the nose is more full and round, and the lips more prominent than in the true dollars.—The crowns have scarce a mark by which they may be distinguished. Those of the dollars which we have seen, are dated 1781, '88, '89, '90, and '92.—The crowns 1768, and 1769. The guineas we have not seen.

The public are cautioned to guard against receiving coins of the above description, as it is supposed there are several other villains now employed in different parts of this state to dispose of counterfeits from the same mint.

C A S H

Will be given for Good Sound
PACK-HORSES,
FROM four to eight years old, fit
for immediate service, at Lexington,
from Tuesday the 10th, (it being
court day) until the Saturday follow-

NATHANIEL SHAW,
Contractor's Agent.
January 1, 1797.

To be Sold,

AT HOGAN'S WARE-HOUSE, at the mouth of Hickman, Mercer county, on Wednesday the first day of February next, for ready money, to the highest bidder, parts of several broken hogheads of TOBACCO, for the benefit of the proprietor. Attendance will be given by the inspectors.

Wm. GAINES, &
Wm. HOGAN.
December 29, 1796.

L O S T

BETWEEN Paris, in Bourbon country, and Lexington on the 6th instant, a Tanned leather pocket-book, containing a bond upon Mr. Braden, and another whose name I do not recollect, for five hundred acres of first rate land near the iron works; a bond upon Elisha Dacley for twenty pounds due last Christmas; a bond upon Isaac Anderson for a tract of land, together with other papers which I cannot describe. Whoever has found the above pocket-book and will deliver it to Mr. Scott in Paris, the printer of the Kentucky Gazette, or the subscriber three miles from Paris shall receive two dollars reward.

JAMES PERRY.
January 6, 1797.

WIEKEAS, a certain Joseph Nevert, of Bourbon county, has obtained a bond of mine, for twelve pounds, with William Simpson security to it, payable the first day of April; this is therefore to warn all persons from taking an alinement of the said bond as I am determined not to pay it.

JACOB FOLIO.
January 6, 1797.

NOTICE.
I WILL attend on the second Tuesday in February next if fair, if not, then the next fair day, with commissioners appointed by the county court of Mason county, under an act entitled "An act to ascertain the boundaries of land and for other purposes," at Simeral's impravement, on Mill creek; then and there to perpetuate the testimony of certain witnesses, tending to establish Simeral's preemption, and the special claims in an entry thereon, and to do such other acts as may be necessary to establish said claim.

JOHN TAYLOR.

Dec. 28, 1796.

Blank Bonds for sale at this Of-

fice.

LEXINGTON:

Saturday, January 7, 1797.

A correspondent observes, that the most obvious trait in the national character of Kentucky, is a neglect (and some are bold enough to confute it in contempt) of literature. A stranger of acknowledged wisdom and observation, says he, arriving in our country, makes it almost his first enquiry, what are our literary institutions, and in what condition are they?

He is told that the first is the Transylvania Seminary, established by the legislature of Virginia, previous to the separation, and endowed with land, &c. now worth more than thirty or forty thousand pounds; which endowments, however owing to some mismanagement, do not yield an annual revenue of more than two hundred pounds.—That therefore the trustees have it not in their power to employ professors in the different branches of literature; and there are not at this time 20 students in the seminary. That in consequence of petitions from a number of the citizens, our legislature have incorporated trustees of two other institutions of this kind, viz. the Franklin and Kentucky academies, neither of which has any other existence, than a place in the Kentucky code; and such very moderate funds as the industry of their trustees have been able to procure from the voluntary contributions of the friends of science. From this statement, replies the stranger, it appears that your government has done nothing for the promotion of learning—is it because they were unable? Have they nothing to appropriate for the accomplishment of that, which in other states have always been considered as a principal object of legislative attention? Nothing of all this, he is told, can be the cause of their back-wardness in this business; they are in debt to nobody; their treasury is full, and they have large possessions in unappropriated land. Their inattention to this object, therefore, cannot be accounted for in any other way, than that they have not considered it of sufficient magnitude to merit that legislative encouragement, which it receives in other states. Besides Harvard university, at which there are always from 350 to 200 students, Massachusetts has a number of academies and grammar schools, supported by public authority, Connecticut, and other eastern states, are in different degrees giving similar aid to the general diffusion of liberal science; and, in the opinion of the discerning, the time is not very far distant when this attention to erudition will give the eastern states a decided superiority in our public courts, over the southern.

It is painful to think, that Kentucky is devoted to be in this respect, one of the most insignificant of the union. It were heartily to be wished, that our legislature would take up this subject agreeably to its importance, and do themselves honor, and their country the most lasting benefit. [Herald Extract of a letter from London of a late date.

"Kyd Wake, who was lately found guilty of making wry faces, and groaning at his sacred majesty, when going to parliament, was sentenced to five years imprisonment and hard labor, in Gloucester gaol, and though a man of property, confined to a short allowance of bread and water; excluded from the sight of his friends, except his wife, and her, through an iron grate. Previous to this, his head was shaved, the whole of his cloathes stripped off, and a flannel robe bound round him."

[A memorable example of British clemency; and a curious instance of the justice which so eminently characterizes their penal code.]

From the London Morning Post, of September 2.

One of the last Paris papers contains a letter from Hamburg dated the 6th, which says, on the 14th of July set out from this city to Berlin, a Mr. Morris, formerly Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to the French Court, and recalled by his government during one of the first years of the revolution, for having avowed himself too violent a partisan of the Royal Family. It does not even appear that he has changed his principles, but only his government. He is at this time in the service and the pay of Mr. Pitt. He also wears

his uniform, has fine horses, splendid equipages, keeps a sumptuous table, &c. In short, with him every thing announces—"Here gold is given away." He came from London, went to Berlin, to Dresden, and Balle, to see Wickham; and from thence perhaps to Vienna. It is in those capitals that he intends to exert himself for his employer. The passage of those foul weather birds always alarms the friends of gen. tranquility. That those genty do not travel, for the sake of making peace, is well known.

Anecdote of General Howe.

When this officer was going to the western departments, to serve as general of division, under Albert Dubayet, a friend of his remarked it as a hardship, "that a man who had commanded two great armies, united, and who had conquered Brunswick and Wurzburg, should take a subaltern command, and on a theatre of war so obscure as that of La Vendee." "I would go," replied the other, "if they were to lend me a corporal. I know that I shall finish this war, which will be my glory." No person hitherto has known the proper treatment of this malady. The war in La Vendee is the colic of the republic, which I shall cure." He went and kept his word.

Free thinking.—An Anecdote

Among words, which, in their present acceptation, are remote from their original and rigid meaning, none, perhaps, are more striking than Deism and Freethinking. The former, which in its strict import, signifies nothing more than a belief in the existence of the Deity, in opposition to atheism (and in this sense every christian is a deist) is now universally understood of all persons who reject the christian revelation; and the word freethinking, which should convey the idea of a man of liberal and ingenuous disposition, free from vulgar prejudice and unmanly bigotry, and investigating truth, with virtuous views, and a deep veneration of the Supreme being, is now commonly appropriated to those persons, who from a love of singularity, an affection of superior understanding, or from malignity of mind, will combat truths the most universally received and revered in all ages and in all countries, and would dissolve those sacred ties by which society is united, and destroy the hopes of immortality which God hath given as incentives to virtue, and the best security for our happiness here and hereafter.

The conduct of the freethinker, whether actuated by such motives or not, is replete with extreme folly, to give no harsher appellation. An anecdote of the late Mr. Mallet affords a remarkable instance of the truth of this observation, and cannot fail to convey some useful advice. This gentleman was a great free thinker, and a very free speaker of his free thoughts. He made no scruple to disseminate his opinions wherever he could introduce them. At his own table, the lady of the house, who was a staunch advocate for her husband's opinions, would often, in the warmth of argument, say, "Sir, we deists." The lecture upon the non credo of the free thinkers was repeated so often, and urged with much earnestness, that the inferior domestics became soon as able disputants as the heads of the family. The fellow who waited at the table, being thoroughly convinced, that for any of his misdeeds he should have no after account to make, was resolved to profit by the doctrine, and made off with many things of value, particularly the plate. Luckily he was to closely pursued that he was brought back to his master's house, who examined him before some select friends. At first the man was silent; but, being urged to give a reason for his infamous behaviour, he resolutely said, "Sir, I have heard you to often talk of the impossibility of a future state, and that after death there was no reward for virtue, or punishment for vice, that I was tempted to commit the robbery." "Well, but you rascal," replied Mallet, "had you no fear of the gallows?" "Sir," said the fellow, looking sternly at his master, "what is that to you, if I had a mind to venture that? You had removed my greatest terror—why should I fear the least?"

To be a rake and to glory in the character, discovers a bad disposition, and a bad taste.

MARRIED

By the Rev. WILLIAM HICKMAN, at Sunday evening, near Frankfort, JOHN PRICE Esq. to Miss SUSANNAH GANO, Daughter of the Rev. JOHN GANO.

Those Gentlemen who hold Description Papers for the Kentucky Gazette, are requested to forward a list of the subscribers to the office as early as possible.

PATENT BRIDGES.

THE subscriber has invented a mode of making wooden bridges, which are strong, handsome, durable, easily and speedily constructed, even by common workmen, and may equally well be built over the widest rivers which will admit of such a passage, as over the smallest streams. They are capable of being repaired or strengthened a tany time, without impeding passengers, and with the greatest ease. — The boards or planks, with which the arches are composed, being in close contract, will the better retain any coatings put on them for their preservation. Possessing these manifold advantages, the Patent Bridges promise to become of great utility in every part of our country.

The subscriber proposes to sell rights to build them in the several counties or Districts of the United States, & will give instructions with them. Where a particular bridge is wanted (the right of building in that country or district not disputed) the subscriber will make drawings and give estimates of the necessary materials, according to the extent described, and the intended uses of the bridge. Letters on this subject, post paid, will be duly attended to by

C. W. PEALE,
Museum, Philadelphia, Sept. 29.

NOTICE,

THAT agreeably to a law passed last session of assembly, the subscribers intend to make application to the court of Shelby county, in March next, to establish a town on their land on the Ohio, at the mouth of Eighteen mile creek.

A proportionate number of LOTS in every part of said Town, will be sold at the following times and places: (viz.) On the premises, on Thursday, the 6th of April if fair, if not, on the next fair day; at Bairdton, on the 11th, (it being court day,) and at Frankfort, on the 18th, (being also court day.) Twelve months credit will be given, the purchasers giving bond and approved security.

JOSEPH DUPUY,
HERMAN BOWMAR

January 5, 1797.

NOTICE is hereby given, that commissioners appointed by the court of Washington county, will attend, on the second Saturday in March next, to take the depositions of a witness to prove Elisha Lacklin's improvement, on the Rolling fork of Salt river, near where the Cumberland road crosses said fork, and do such other acts as is by law directed.

TAKEN up by the subscriber, in Lincoln county, a dark brown Mare, fourteen hands and a half high, no mark or brand.

Wm. MONTGOMERY.
November 3, 1796.

TAKEN up by the subscriber living near the mouth of Elkhorn, a bay mare, about thirteen hands and a half high, neither docked nor branded, one hind foot white about half way to the fetlock, three years old last spring; appraised to 14l.

DANIEL STEVENS.

January 2, 1797.

TAKEN up by the subscriber living on the waters of Eagle creek, near Archibald Curry's a dark bay two year old colt, no brand nor white, except a few white spots on his shoulder, appraised to 5l. 15s.

GRIMM KELLY.

December 10, 1796.

NOTICE.

THAT on the 17th of January 1797 I shall attend with commissioners appointed by the court of Shelby county on, Thomas Dagley's settlement near the head of Gill's creek, in order to establish said Dagley's claim; and do such other things as may be necessary.

I am interested in lands, that call to adjoin said settlement.

WILLIAM STAFFORD
December 24, 1796.

NOTICE

IS hereby given to all whom it may concern that I shall meet on the first Monday in March next attend with commissioners appointed for that purpose by the county court of Mercer at a flat spring where there is a marked tree, on White Oak creek, about one mile and a half from Andrew Gembley's for the purpose of taking the depositions of fundy witnesses, to perpetuate their testimony to establish an entry made in the name of George Muie, in the following words, *to wit*; George Muie enters 950 acres in Kentucky, by virtue of a warrant for military services performed by the said Muie in the last war, on White Oak creek, about one mile and a half north of Gembley's settlement & pre-emption, including the flat spring and a tree marked W. M. entered April the 22nd, 1780—in order to perpetuate the testimony of said witnesses, in pursuance of an act of the Kentucky Assembly, in that case made and provided; and to do such other and further acts as shall be authorized and required by the said law.

DAVID SHEPHERD,
Dec. 27, 1796.

NOTICE.

THE commissioners appointed by the court of Fayette, to perpetuate testimony concerning the boundary and special calls of an entry in the name of Richard Matheron, containing 22,277 and a half acres, on the waters of Elkhorn and Hinkton including a mulberry tree marked T. E. in a piece, and two hickories which four crops on each, to include the said three trees, near the corner thereof, the said trees standing on the hunters trace, leading from Bryan's Marion over to the waters of Hinkton, on the dividing ridge between the waters of Hinkton and the waters of Elkhorn; will meet at the house of Capt. Peter Moore, on the dividing ridge between the waters of Licking and Elkhorn, on the fourth Monday in January 1797, and from thence proceed to the places where the trees marked T. E. as above, stood, and to the other special places called for by the said entry, and take depositions concerning the same, and do such other and further things on or about as may be deemed necessary and agreeable to the act entitled "an act to ascertain the boundaries of land and for other purposes."

JOHN FOWLER, Attorney
of Richard Matheron.

Lexington Dec. 29, 1796.

NOTICE

To all whom it may concern—

That on Wednesday, the 25th of January next, if fair, or if not, the next fair day, I shall attend myself, or by attorney, with commissioners appointed by the county court of Shelby, at the improvement called for by James Elliott's settlement on the south side of Kentucky river, on a run that falls into said river, next above the mouth of Cedar creek, there to take the depositions of witnesses to perpetuate testimony respecting the calls of said entry, and do all such other acts as are authorized by law, on the premises.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Esq.
of the last will and testament
of James Elliott deceased.

TAKEN up by the subscriber, living on Wilfion's creek, in Nelson county, a forel mare about thirteen hands high, branded on the neck shoulder with W, supposed to be about eleven years old, has a small blaze in her face, her off hind foot white, appraised to 8l.

CHARLES KENNEDY

NOTICE.

THAT a good fuller that can well recommended is wanting at my fulling mill, where I will meet with generous wages by me on Hancock creek, Bourbon county.

DANIEL HARRISON,

December 21.

NEW ROAD.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform the public that he has marked or blazed a New Road, from his house near the mouth of Bullkin creek, on the North West side of the Ohio river, to Deerfield, on the Little Miami; there is likewise another road, cut from opposite said road, (on the Kentucky side) to Washington.

Travellers will find it materially to their advantage to travel this route, as the road is very level and the distance only thirty-five miles.

JOHN GASKINS,

November 28, 1796.

N. B. An excellent flat or ferry boat, in good order.

PRIVATE INVESTIGATION

FOR MAN AND HORSE,

On Main street, next door to Doctor Downing's,

By WILLIAM ALLEN,

LOST

BETWEEN between Thomas's tavern, at Washington, and Mr. Clarke's mill, on the 23rd December, a GOLD PLAIN FRENCH WATCH, old fashion dial, gold needle, with a steel chain, broke, and mended with thread. Any person who may have found it, is desired to leave it at Maj. Lewis Moore's Limestone, Thomas's tavern, Washington, or Henry Marshall, Lexington—a generous reward will be given if required. Watchmakers or Jewellers to whom may be offered, will please to give intelligence of it above. *33t.*

WILLIAM SCOTT,

FULLER,

INFORMS the public, that he intends to take 1 in cloth for his fulling mill at Mr. McCullough's store in Lexington, the first day of every Fayette court; and will deliver the same there when full'd.

Dec. 26, 1796.

TAKE up by the subscriber, on muddy creek, in Madison county, a sheftel forel Mare, three years old, about fourteen hands and an inch high, no mark nor brand perceptible, natural pacer, appraised to 13l. 10s.

EDWARD EVANS.

Sept. 2, 1796.

FRESH GOODS

Alex. & James Parker,

WE HAVE just imported and now opening at their Store in Lexington, a large and general assortment of

MERCHANDISE,
WICH they will sell low for Cash, Hemp, Tallow and Tari; all which they will give the highest price for, at their Store in Lexington, Cynthia, E. Winter's Mill at the mouth of Tuck's Creek, or any Ware House on the Kentucky River.

NOTICE,

THAT we the Commissioners appointed by an act of the Legislature to let and superintend the building of a dwelling & other houses for the accommodation of the Governor, in the town of Frankfort, will meet at the house of Captain Daniel Weisiger, in said town, on the first day of February next, where the plan may be seen; & on the next day proposals will be received from persons who may wish to undertake the dwelling house and kitchen to be of brick—it will be a considerable job, and suitable payments made; we hope therefore, that men of industry will be induced to undertake both the brick-layer's and carpenter's part of the building.

DANIEL WEISIGER.

BENNETT PEMBERTON.
WILLIAM TRIGG.

January 1, 1797.

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THE SUBSCRIBERS,
HAVE just received and are now opening at their Store in Lexington, a large and general assortment of

MERCHANDISE,
WICH they will sell low for Cash, Hemp, Tallow and Tari; all which they will give the highest price for, at their Store in Lexington, Cynthia, E. Winter's Mill at the mouth of Tuck's Creek, or any Ware House on the Kentucky River.

MOODY & DOWNING

December 19, 1796.

INTENTION.

THE Members of the Cincinnati Society, are desired to meet at Lexington, on the first Monday in March ensuing, at the house of Robert Megowan, in order to form a Society in this state, and to adopt such measures as will enable them to draw from the different States, their respective amounts, to support the wants of the Society in this State.

3W Lexington, December 29, 1796.

STOLEN OR STOLEN,

OUT of the Stable of George Adams, in Lexington, in the night between the 2d and 3d of this month, December, 1796, a bay Mare, about six years old, about fourteen and a half hands high, no brand perceptible, white tail, her mane hangs to the right side, and there is a remarkable curl in the hair of the left side of her neck, a small star hardly perceptible, being up under the hair which hangs from between her ears—when strok examined there appears a great number of white hairs about her sides where the girth goes round, which makes that part assume the appearance of red roan, the hair has been rubbed off under where the surfling buckles, her legs are black, her hoofs are remarkably round, rough foot, very lively, is high spirited, and somewhat head strong, finely formed, is said to be forward with colt, and has formerly had one, in Fayette county, but was said to have been reared in Woodford. I exchanged for her in Frankfort the Monday after the Lexington races, with a genteel looking man, who appeared to be about 25 years of age, fair hair, not tied; had some bushiness on that day at the treasury; said he lived within seven or eight miles of Lexington, (and I think towards Bourbon,) his name I have forgot; I gave him in exchange for said mare, a stout bay horse, 6 years old, 15 hands high, and 50 dollars cash, which horse he presently exchanged for another mare.

Whoever delivers the above mare to GEORGE ADAMS in Lexington, shall have TWENTY DOLLARS reward.

For Sale,

SIX THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND,

ENTERED for Maj. John Motley, Esq. patented in the name of Littleberry Motley, heir at law of said John Motley; lying on Main Licking, being part of ten thousand acres, beginning at one hundred poles above the mouth of a creek that runs into Main Licking on the north east side, about four miles below the fourth fork of Licking, and extending down Licking in ten surveys.—It is unnecessary to describe the several entries previous to its making any proposals.—The title is supposed by those who have carefully examined it to be impeccable.—Upon paying part of the purchase money, a reasonable credit will be given for the balance.

James Brown, Atto. in fact
For Littleberry Motley, jun.

Lexington, June 15, 1796.

N. B. I will also dispose of any other Lands in Kentucky claimed by said Motley.

A few copies of the Laws of the United States may be had at this office.

Winchester's Dialogues for sale at this office.

The Life of Dr. Franklin for sale at the Office of the Kentucky Gazette.

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